

WILL NOT BE A SCAPE GOAT

Mark Slater Says he will tell all When he Gets Back.

CLAIMS HE IS INNOCENT

Admits Having O. K'd Bills in Question.

Declares he Never Received a Penny.

Weeping and Apparently on the Verge of Collapse the Former State Printer Sits Behind the Bars, Protesta his Innocence and Says he is Anxious to Return to Ohio to Face His Accusers. Was not Avoiding Arrest.

By United Press Wire. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 19.—Mark Slater, former public printer of Ohio, arrested on a charge by the Beatty investigating committee that he defrauded the state by a scheme of graft, entered a general denial of his part in the alleged fraud.

Seated in a rickety chair behind prison bars, Slater, with tears streaming down his face, denied that he had ever received one cent from the raised vouchers which he admitted he O.K'd and which were cashed at the state treasurer's office.

"God knows I didn't receive a cent of the money," he said as he attempted to control his emotion. "If Brelsford, Dinsmore and others say I participated in the raised bill, I know nothing of it. I cannot give you my statement at this time until I consult with my attorney at Columbus."

Slater was arrested yesterday at Louis Schneider's saloon, 115 Woodward avenue, which he said to have frequented since he has been connected with the Consolidated Coal company as a salesman for the Michigan territory. Slater, when arrested, had a dollar and six cents of his person. He declared this was all the money he had in the world, and that he was waiting a remittance from his wife at Columbus, or Dayton, to provide him with funds enough to return to Ohio to face the charge that had been preferred against him by the Beatty investigating committee.

Slater said he was enroute to Columbus when picked up by Detroit detectives. His arrest came as a great surprise and he was visibly unnerved when visited by a United Press reporter at the city prison last night. Up to this time Slater had refrained from talking to the newspapers for publication. He authorized this statement:

"I know nothing of the raised vouchers. So far as I know, all the purchases made by me for the state were bonafide. If the bills were raised the parties who cashed the vouchers at the state treasurer's office received the money. I never got one cent of it."

When questioned particularly about the Brelsford \$16,000 bill, of which about \$10,000 is alleged to be graft Slater said he did not receive any part of it. The same he said was true with other vouchers which he O.K'd for other agents.

Slater had all the appearances of a man on the verge of a breakdown. When urged to tell his story, he buried his face in his hands and exclaimed:

"I'll tell all when I get to Columbus, and after I have consulted with my attorney. I don't propose to be a scape goat. There will be some surprises in store for somebody. That's all I have to say. Please don't publish anything now."

Slater was particularly anxious as to what Dinsmore had said. He repeatedly inquired whether the committee had been able to locate Dinsmore, and if so, what the Chicago agent had said. "So far as I know," he said, "the Dinsmore and Whaler bills were O. K."

Slater said he was anxious to return to Ohio and face his accusers. He said he felt confident he could explain the affairs of his office to the satisfaction of the probe committee. Since the first of June, Slater has been employed as a traveling salesman by E. W. Mancourt, western manager of the Consolidated Coal company, with offices in Detroit. Charles A. Chambers, assistant manager, said last night.

"We let Slater go February 1, because he was unsuited to the work. He entered our employ in June at Adrian and made trips back and forth across the state. Because he did not make good as a salesman he was intended to let him go to January 1 but kept him one more month on trial. While he was with us, he was perfectly honest in all his dealings."

Slater says he has been in this city for the past week and has made no effort to avoid arrest or subpoena by the probe committee. He acknowledged he had kept posted through the daily press on the progress of the investigation, but says his employment compelled him to remain in the northern part of Michigan, after Senator Beatty had wired him at Detroit to attend the hearing. He said he would have attended the meeting if he had received the notification in time.

Columbus, O., Feb. 19.—There will be no immunity bath for Mark Slater

and he will not be permitted to testify before the legislative probe committee if there is any chance that thereby he might secure immunity, according to Chairman Beatty.

"Slater had his chance," said Senator Beatty today. "We wired him to come in and he refused. There could be no reason for granting him immunity. He's the principal offender, I wouldn't consent to any immunity and I am sure the other members would not. On Monday we expect to put the bookkeeper of the Queen City Paper company, the superintendent of the bindery and representative of the local dry cleaning company on the stand and then we will be through. Next we will start on the fire marshal's office and I think there will be interesting developments there."

Columbus, O., Feb. 19.—Prosecutor Webber announced today that the trial of Mark Slater, former state printer, will begin in criminal court next Wednesday morning.

Columbus, O., (Feb. 19.—Judge Dillon today fixed Mark Slater's bond at \$5,000, and the former state printer on his arrival in Columbus late this afternoon from Detroit, in custody of a local detective, will be released if he can furnish it. His trial, which is set for next Wednesday, will not last longer than two days or three, in the opinion of Prosecutor Webber.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 19.—In custody of Detective Landacre, of the Columbus force, today Mark Slater, former supervisor of public printing in Ohio, implicated in graft charges by the testimony of his former partner, is being taken back to Columbus this afternoon. Landacre starts with Slater in the city prison late today and refuses to discuss the trouble in detail. He kept last night, as he paced the floor of the cell block. He says he will be able to explain the charges satisfactorily. Slater's picture was taken today by the rogues' gallery. Detective Landacre talked to Slater but the prisoner had but little to say. The officer said:

"I do not wish to press him very hard. He wants to go back and have it over with. I understood just before I left Columbus that Slater's wife had left the city. Another report was that she was ill at her home."

Slater was found in a saloon penniless. It is said he has been drinking considerably of late, having lost the position he had here. Slater and the detective will arrive in Columbus about 6 o'clock tonight.

THIEF IS NOW SAFE

Man who Stole \$173,000 From the sub Treasury May Confess.

By United Press Wire. Chicago, Feb. 19.—The man who stole the \$173,000 from the sub-treasury here, February 18 1907, can enter any city in the United States today and start out to spend some of it without fear of federal or police investigation. When the grand jury adjourned yesterday without voting an indictment against him he was a free man, the statute of limitations having run its course.

The federal authorities today, however, are watching the telegraph and wireless offices to see if any of his accomplices will notify him that he is free. An effort will be made to learn the identity of the thief, but the federal authorities admit that he is now immune.

The Chicago sub-treasury robbery is known of all over the world, and it is thought that the name of the man will become known within a month even if nothing is done to punish him for his theft. George W. Fitzgerald, paying teller of the sub-treasury, under whose regime the robbery occurred was deposed immediately after the affair.

TILLMAN HAS SLIGHT CHANCE

Condition Unchanged and This is not a Bad Indication.

By United Press Wire. Washington, Feb. 19.—A slight improvement in the condition of Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, was reported this morning, following a fairly restful night. He seemed able to recognize the members of the family, though his power of articulation is now completely suspended and probably paralysis of his right side has followed a cerebral hemorrhage of the left side of the brain.

A midday bulletin, issued by Dr. E. E. Pickford, in charge of Senator Tillman's case, said: "The senator is resting comfortably. Paralysis and aphasia unchanged. Temperature, pulse and respiration normal. Prognosis favorable if present condition can be maintained for a few days longer."

DOCTORS ARE HOPEFUL. Washington, Feb. 19.—Although a final judgment as to the success of the operation upon William Alden Smith, senator from Michigan, is not possible until tomorrow, the doctors at the Homeopathic hospital this morning reported his condition favorable. The senator passed a comfortable night without the aid of narcotics.

Men Prominent In Big New York Graft Charge Case.



Colonel George W. Dunn of Binghamton, N. Y., was chairman of the New York Republican state committee in 1902, when, according to State Senator Benn Conger, the bridge companies of the state made a contribution from their accumulated funds to the committee. The assertion was made by Senator Conger before the state senate sitting as committee of the whole to investigate the charges of corruption made by Senator Conger against Senator J. Mayhew Wainwright calls for a joint committee of the legislature to conduct a general investigation into charges made against any legislator or legislature at any time.

KING GEORGE MAY ABDICATE

Mutiny of the Greek Navy Report but Rumor not Verified.

By United Press Wire. Constantinople, Feb. 19.—Owing to the interruption of communication with Athens today it is impossible to verify a report that the Greek fleet has mutinied and steamed out to sea to prevent the execution of the army leader's command for the disarmament of the ships.

Captain Tzavellas is said to head the mutiny and to have won over to his side Admiral Miaoulis, who had been counselling cautious procedure on the part of the navy insurgents.

King George has signed a decree recalling all foreign diplomats except those at Constantinople and Washington. This is considered indicative of the army's retention of control in Athens, as it is known that the king was opposed to the abolition of the diplomatic service, which the army considered to be a useless expense.

There is the best authority for the statement that a council of the royal family will soon be held, at which the king's abdication will be considered. Prince Nicholas is now hurrying to Athens from St. Petersburg to attend the council. Turkish diplomats believe the Greek situation to be the most acute in recent years.

London, Feb. 19.—The London Press attaches no significance to the denials of Premier Dragoumis of Greece and other Greek diplomats and politicians that there is an breach between the army and the navy. Reports to the London papers from reliable correspondents declare that a condition of chaos bordering on civil war prevails in Greece and the foreign office is considering the situation with a view to possible intervention.

FATHER SHOTS HIS CHILDREN

By United Press Wire. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 19.—George Stephens, thirty-eight, engineer on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, and son of a prominent mine operator, Saturday morning shot and killed three of his little children, Mary Elizabeth, nine, Blanch, six, and Jamie, year and half, shot and fatally wounded the colored nurse and then killed himself. The father was a widower. He was crazed with morphine at the time of the killing.

YOUNG MEN DRINK ACID

By United Press Wire. Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 19.—With arms locked about each other in a last embrace, Mary Kuehnlein, fifteen years old, and Edward Kufahl, twenty-one, were found dead on the floor of a barn in the rear of a saloon, a mile north of the city limits today. Each had left a note before swallowing carbolic acid.

RAISULI NOT DEAD. Tangier, Feb. 19.—Raisuli, the famous bandit and tribal leader, is himself responsible for the report, spread broadcast a week ago, that he had died as the result of a poisoning plot. Local authorities who have investigated the rumor, declared today that Raisuli had some political motives, not yet disclosed, in wishing it believed that he was dead and concocted the story of his death. Raisuli has not even been sick and a further coup from his is feared.

ALL QUIET AT CAIRO TODAY

Little Likelihood Mob Will Form and Renew Attack.

SOLDIERS STILL ON GUARD

Feeling Against Blacks is Intense.

Mob Was not Made up of Rifraff.

Man who is Supposed to have Been a Member of the Mob Says it was Composed of Businessmen—The Plans Were Just to Make a Quiet Little Affair of the Necktie Party.

By United Press Wire. Cairo, Ills., Feb. 19.—Cairo is quiet today and there is little fear that rioting will be resumed. Troops are patrolling the streets in the downtown section and a guard stands in front of the jail. No attempt at violence has been made since the killing of Alex Halliday and the wounding of four other members of a mob that attempted to take the two negro purse snatchers from the jail and hand them over to the mob.

The officers fear, however, that a serious outbreak is possible and will not relax their vigilance today or tomorrow.

Feeling over the affair is bitter. It is declared that the men who composed the mob that tried to raid the jail are prominent business men, that the lynching was planned as a warning to negroes and that its failure has increased the bitterness against the blacks here. A man who is said to have been a member of the mob, tells a story of the affair today different from that told by the sheriff and his deputies. He says the mob was composed of business men. They had expected to meet other divisions that would have increased the ranks to hundreds. However, the divisions failed to join, so the little band that started out originally, numbering only thirty-five persons, marched to the jail alone.

"We expected," said this man, "to carry out the lynching quietly. We intended to gain admission to the jail and to overpower the night guard, then take the negroes out and hang them. We were never more surprised in our lives than we were when Sheriff Neils and the guards fired on us."

"We didn't have any opportunity to disperse nor fire on the jail."

The man declared that the sheriff ordered the mob to disperse and then, without waiting to give any opportunity for the command to be carried out, the deputies began firing.

The officers indignantly deny that they fired before the mob was told to leave. They declare that the shattered jail windows is sufficient evidence that the mob fired a volley at the officers. The mob members and their friends say that the windows were broken by the deputies who pushed their guns through them to fire at the crowd.

It is said that political feeling has played a strong part in the race trouble at Cairo. The meeting against the negroes taking part in the actions is one of the factors. One political faction declares that negroes are protected for their votes.

John Pratt, who caused the outbreak, and eleven other negroes, were hustled out of the city, shortly before daylight today. They feared for their lives and yesterday confessed to various crimes that they might be arrested and prosecuted from the infuriated citizens by the authorities.

The negroes were rushed from the jail to the train in the police wagon, under guard of eight militiamen and two deputies. The streets were almost deserted at the time, and no demonstration was made.

Adjutant General Dickson, who is now in charge of the situation, ordered Lieutenant Colonel Ryan, of Effingham, to hasten here at once and take active command of the troops.

The fourth company of militia will arrive at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It is reported that an investigation of the local militia is being conducted promptly to the order of Sheriff Neils on the night of the outbreak.

ROOSEVELT WILL TELL HIS STORY

By United Press Wire. Chicago, Feb. 19.—It became known today that Chicago will welcome the tale of Roosevelt's African hunting trip from his own lips and not through the magazine and newspaper columns when the Hamilton club announced that the former president, in a cablegram from the "dark country," said he would lecture before that club on his return from Europe.

The entertainment committee of the club plans to have a gigantic reception committee meet the noted hunter on his arrival here.

FOODS ADULTERATED BY THE WHOLESALE

By United Press Wire. Columbus, O., Feb. 19.—High cost of living is blamed by the state dairy and food commissioner for the increased number of offenses against Ohio's pure food laws. Twenty-five

adulterants have been filed against violators within the past two days. High cost of butter caused some of the offenders to substitute oleomargarine and some dealers throughout the state are still adding water to their bulk oysters. The addition of very poor meat to hamburger steaks, the coloring of meat with chemical dyes and the adulteration of lard with beef fats are other causes for prosecution.

RESCUE WORK IS CHECKED AGAIN

By United Press Wire. Cherry, Ills., Feb. 19.—Superintendent W. W. Taylor of the St. Paul coal mine declared today that it was probably that no more bodies would be taken from the mine for several days. Following the recovery of fifteen mangled corpses yesterday workmen went down to the second level today. They found an obstruction, however, which will have to be removed before other bodies can be brought up. Seven of the fifteen bodies taken out yesterday have been identified.

The efforts of the workmen are hampered by fire which still rages in parts of the mine.

DELIVERS ULTIMATUM

Premier Asquith can Take His Choice of two Courses.

By United Press Wire. London, Feb. 19.—Premier Asquith has had the flat proposal put to him either to swing the cabinet to the views of the Laborites and Irish Nationalists, who demand that the abolition of the veto power of the house of lords be the first piece of legislation attempted, or resign from his post.

There is little likelihood of Asquith being able to harmonize the cabinet and should he attempt to fill the vacant places with other appointees, their would be the greatest danger of the Liberal party splitting up. Many politicians believe that the cabinet situation will force dissolution of parliament not later than the end of next week.

Asquith, Lloyd-George and Churchill, the three most radical members of the cabinet, are in favor of the Laborite-Nationalist demand to curb the lords before attempting any other legislation, but they have found the majority of the ministers unalterably opposed to taking up the veto question until the budget is out of the way.

When Asquith asked the king or Wednesday whether he would swamp the upper house with Liberal peers, in order to issue the carrying out of the Liberal program, the king refused to state his position until assured as to what the Liberal program would be.

This led to Asquith's consultation with the Laborites and Nationalists and their insistence that he either swing the cabinet around to their way of thinking or resign his office. Otherwise, they said, they would free of their obligations to support the Liberals.

VICTORY WAS NOT COMPLETE

Indications are That Rebels Were not Defeated in San Vicente.

By United Press Wire. Managua, Feb. 19.—The continued activity of President Madriz in fortifying the capital against an attack of the revolutionary army and a tentative agreement on his part to submit the differences between the government and the revolutionists to arbitration have had the effect of discounting in the public mind the story of a "sweeping government victory" in the three days' fighting at San Vicente, a few miles north of Acosagua.

Reports that reach the capital are still conflicting and both sides are claiming the victory. General Vasquez sent word that his forces, led by himself and General Gedoy, finally dislodged the main body of revolutionists, 800 in number, from their stronghold and put them to flight.

General Mena, who, with General Matuty and General Estrada, the provisional President, defended San Vicente, says that the revolutionists still hold the place and are in such a strong position that they expect soon to advance on Acosagua and engage the government troops there.

General Chamorro, Estrada's leading officer, is drawing near Tipitapa, which, if captured by the revolutionists, will mean their unopposed advance to the outskirts of Managua. The government sent additional soldiers to Tipitapa today, though the recruits are little better than nothing. They are mostly boys and are poorly equipped.

Prospects of a final arbitration of the differences are much brighter today than at any other time, the outcome hanging on the result of the threatened battle at Tipitapa. The Liberal party is now almost a unit in demanding a peace conference and has broken down President Madriz's opposition to such a conference, the president insisting, however, that his commissioners be in full sympathy with the government.

KAISER IS EXCORIATED

Chancellor Comes in for Some Unfavorable Comment.

SOCIALISTS MAKE ATTACK

Conservatives try to Head it off.

Accuser Refuses to be Silenced.

Will not Leave the Kaiser out of the Controversy and is Sustained by His Fellow Socialists in the Reichstag—Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg Replies to the Attack Amid Cries of "Shame."

By United Press Wire. Berlin, Feb. 19.—The Kaiser and Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg were excoriated today in an uproarious debate in the Reichstag by Dr. Franke, one of the leaders of the Socialist group, who introduced an interpellation of the chancellor regarding his remark in a recent debate that manhood suffrage was an evil. When Franke attacked the Kaiser, Vice President Spahn, who was presiding, called him to order and said that no speaker would be allowed to drag the Kaiser's name into the debate.

"I will say what I like about the emperor," Franke retorted. "I will discuss him as freely as any one else."

The chamber was thrown immediately into disorder by Franke's bold utterance.

The conservatives tried to shout down the speaker, but the Socialists, though out numbered, cheered and applauded wildly.

"We have no cause to shrink from mentioning the Kaiser as though he were a divinity," shouted Franke. "I favor respecting the Kaiser but the Reichstag must insist that the same respect that is given the Kaiser and the law that creates him, shall be given the Reichstag and the law that creates it."

Today's debate was launched by the socialists who demanded to why the chancellor, in a debate in the Prussian diet, denounced manhood suffrage as an evil.

The Socialists declare the chancellor's attack on manhood suffrage to be an attack on the constitution. When Franke began his address he began applying the same epithets to the Kaiser that the chancellor recently applied to those fighting for manhood suffrage.

"When the German Empire was founded," said Franke, "the emperor and Reichstag were simultaneous creations, both integral parts of the constitution and both entitled to the same respect."

"But the chancellor has described the Reichstag as basic suffrage as a demoralizing and dangerous influence on public life. I have just as good right to say the same thing regarding the Kaiser and his speeches. The Kaiser is the creation of the same manhood suffrage that brought the Reichstag into being and to attack the principles that underlie the latter is to attack the former."

Franke pointed out what he termed the blessings of popular franchise as exemplified in America and declared that manhood suffrage must eventually come throughout the whole German empire.

"The Prussian government is suppressing public demonstration in opposition to the Prussian franchise bill, will yet provoke a revolution in which the Socialists will sweep away the chancellor and all other obstacles to popular government. The Socialists have begun the struggle and they are determined to carry it to a successful conclusion."

As Franke finished pandemonium broke forth and it was several minutes before the chairman could restore order. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg replied to Franke. As he arose he was cheered by the Conservatives, but the Socialists treated him with the disrespect that the Conservatives showed to Franke.

The Chancellor contended that the "democratization of the franchise widened the government of the country but degraded the tone of public life."

The Socialists met this with cries of "shame!" "that's an insult to all countries where the people vote!" "That's an onslaught on the German empire's constitution."

Bethmann-Hollweg patiently awaited a subsidence of the disorders and then continued:

"I have never expressed my intention of abolishing manhood suffrage in the Reichstag. I refuse to discuss the Prussian franchise in the Reichstag, as that is not a federal, but a state question. Hence it is Prussia's own business. Neither the federal legislation or the Reichstag has any right to interfere in Prussia's own affairs."

TWO MEN ASPHYXIATED. Chicago, Feb. 19.—John Schenman, thirty-two, and Olaf Collier, twenty-nine, workmen, were found dead in a gas filled room in the former's home today. They had been accidentally asphyxiated.